

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of Milpitas City Council
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2006
Time: 6:00 PM (Closed Session)
7:00 PM (Public Business)
Location: Council Chambers, Milpitas City Hall,
455 East Calaveras Blvd.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Esteves called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Esteves, Vice Mayor Gomez, Councilmembers Giordano, Livengood and Polanski. Councilmember Giordano arrived for Closed Session at 6:08 PM.

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Esteves publicly stated the Council would convene in Closed Session to discuss the following six issues:

- (1) **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)
City Negotiators: Art Hartinger, Ed Kreisberg, Carmen Valdez. Employee Organizations: Milpitas Police Officers Association (MPOA), International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Protech. Under Negotiation: Wages, Hours, Benefits, Working Conditions
- (2) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
City of Milpitas v. Turner Construction et al., Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 103CV815946 Consolidated with Case No. 103CV008400
- (3) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
City of Milpitas v. City of San Jose, Case No. CV046013, Santa Clara County Superior Court
- (4) **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 400 South Abel Street, Milpitas, CA (APN: 086-10-007)
Negotiators: City of Milpitas (Greg Armendariz). Negotiating Party: KC Propco, LLC
Under Negotiation: Terms and Conditions for Purchase of Public Utility Easement
- (5) **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 92 Serra Way, Milpitas, CA (APN: 086-08-019)
Negotiators: City of Milpitas (Greg Armendariz). Negotiating Party: Prime Properties
Under Negotiation: Terms and Conditions for Purchase of Public Utility Easement
- (6) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
City of Milpitas v. Kennedy/Witt et al., Case No. 104CV023573, Santa Clara County Superior Court

The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 PM with Mayor Esteves presiding and all Councilmembers present.

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENT**

NONE

PLEDGE

Boy Scouts Troop No. 92 Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Maulana Mumtaza of the Milpitas Al-Hilaal Mosque read a prayer in Islam, and then translated the prayer's meaning in English.

MINUTES

MOTION: to approve minutes of the February 7, 2006 Council meeting, as amended.

Mayor Esteves requested the City Clerk to make one edit in the minutes.

Motion/Second: Vice Mayor Gomez /Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

MOTION: to approve the Schedule of Meetings, as amended.

Councilmember Giordano stated she would attend a February 23 meeting of the Library Joint Powers Authority at 1:15 PM.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Polanski /Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations

Mayor Esteves presented 29 commendations to Police Activities League (PAL) four Football teams coaches, Moms and supporters. President Bobby Carswell of the Knights football team thanked the City Council and the PAL Board, and complimented the City for its strong support over the years.

CITIZENS FORUM

Daniel McCall, of San Jose, read some quotes on George Washington and democracy and addressed the Council with a variety of remarks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Livengood announced that he wrote a letter to the Milpitas Post Editor to clarify falsehoods it published about the re-naming of the Senior Center to honor former Vice Mayor Barbara Lee. He read the letter aloud, stressing that Sal Cracolice Building would maintain that name while the Senior Center at its present and future locations would be named after Ms. Lee.

City Manager Lawson responded also on this subject, stating that staff Mark Rogge also wrote a letter to the Post Editor to clarify some misinformation that had been published.

Councilmember Livengood then read a statement regarding exoneration of allegations made against him 19 days prior to the 2004 election. He stated that charges were dropped by the District Attorney and also by the state Fair Political Practices Commission.

He quoted the letter from the District Attorney to the Milpitas City Attorney:
"Dear Mr. Mattas, my office has completed its review of the referenced matter - *which is me supposedly with this of conflict of interest*. We do not see any evidence that Mr. Livengood participated in any governmental decision regarding the Elmwood property acquisition process, and he was either absent or abstained from voting, when any votes were cast by other members of the City Council or the RDA. Therefore, no enforcement action is warranted and our inquiry is closed."

Councilmember Giordano requested an update from staff regarding the Housing Element of the General Plan.

Mrs. Giordano then read aloud the following statement:

"I am glad that the residents of Milpitas will see once and for all that the referring of this matter to so many investigative agencies by the previous majority of the Council was done for political reasons, not policy reasons. Unfortunately, this was not only embarrassing to the City, but very unfair to Councilmember Livengood and his children. I can only hope that the local press will devote as much space to settling the record straight as they gave to printing the allegations. We have no control over that. However, we do have an obligation to let the taxpayers of Milpitas know how much this has cost them.

Therefore, tonight I am requesting that the City Manager report back to the Council at the next meeting an accounting of the total cost of investigating this issue including the lengthy report to the public that the old majority had the managing partner at Myers Nave make during a Council meeting, preparing the request for inquiry, and preparing and gathering all the documents they may have supplied these agencies. I would like this report to include all the costs."

Vice Mayor Gomez announced that the Amgen "Tour of California" bicycle race came through northern California in the East Bay today, including on Calaveras Blvd at Piedmont Rd. in Milpitas, consisting of about 120 riders. Staff displayed still photos of the race and fans.

Mayor Esteves announced that vandalism had occurred at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for the fourth time, and requested a specific written response by the Police Department since previous efforts to catch the perpetrators had been unsuccessful. He requested the City Manager to have staff report back to the Council on the latest efforts to try to solve this problem. Police Chief Nishisaka responded to the Mayor, describing actions taken to date.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: to approve the agenda as submitted

Motion/Second: Councilmember Livengood/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Polanski requested that Item No. 8 be removed from the Consent Calendar, and that it be heard after the Public Hearings.

MOTION: to approve the Consent Calendar as amended

Motion/Second: Councilmember Livengood/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

*** 4. Approve Mayor's Recommendations for Appointments to City Commissions**

Economic Development Commission:

Appoint current Alternate #2 Minh Nguyen to vacant Alternate #1 term that expires in April 2007.

Appoint Zeya Mohsin as Alternate # 2 to a term that expires April 2006.

Citizens Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission:

Appoint Alternate #1 Nancy Martinez to a vacant three-year term that expires June 2007.

Appoint Alternate #2 William Nolan to the Alternate #1 term that expires June 2007.

Appoint Lori Bersabe as Alternate #2 to a two-year term that expires June 2007.

*** 6. Revision to the Bylaws of the Citizens Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (CEPAC)**

Approved recommended changes to the CEPAC Bylaws, including:
provide the Milpitas Board of Education the flexibility to appoint a school board staff person to the Committee (Section 2); ensure, as much as practicable, that the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is properly represented by having one

Commissioner be a RACES member, if available (Section 2); and, to eliminate a redundant sentence (Section 5).

*** 7. Approve the Bylaws for the Public Art Committee**

Approved the Public Art Committee's Bylaws, as recommended by the Committee and reviewed by the City Attorney.

*** 9. Authorization to Apply for Home Depot Foundation and U.S. Conference of Mayors Award of Excellence**

Authorized staff to apply for the Home Depot Foundation and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Award of Excellence for the Community Trees program in Milpitas.

*** 10. Approve Agreement For Transfer Of Real Property From Valley Transportation Authority, Adopt Resolution Declaring Certain Parcels As Public Right Of Way**

Authorized the City Manager to accept the deeded parcels from VTA, for the Tasman Extension – Great Mall Parkway To I880, Project No. 4133.

Adopted Resolution No. 7579 declaring certain parcels public right-of-way.

*** 13. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 227.4**

Waived the Second reading and Adopted Ordinance No. 227.4, Amending Chapter 215 of Title V of the Milpitas Municipal Code Related to Prohibitions on Smoking to Include Public Playgrounds and Sports Facilities

*** 14. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 224.6**

Waived the Second reading and Adopted Ordinance No. 224.6, Allowing an Alternate Member to Service on the Mobile Home Park Rental Review Board.

*** 15. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Proposition 46 Housing Assistance Grant Application to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)**

Adopt Resolution No. 7580 authorizing the submittal of the BEGIN Program application to HCD for affordable housing financial assistance for first-time homebuyers.

*** 16. Approve the First Amendment to the High Occupancy Vehicle Agreement with the California Highway Patrol**

Approved Amendment to HOV Agreement with CHP for Traffic Enforcement Service on Expressways in Santa Clara County

*** 17. Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bid Proposals: Well Upgrade Program, Project No. 7076, Phase II**

Approve plans and specifications and authorize advertising for bid proposals.

*** 18. Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize the Advertisement for Bid Proposals: S. Park Victoria Drive Pavement Rehabilitation, Project No. 4225**

Approve plans and specifications and authorize advertising for bid proposals.

*** 19. Approve Payment Request**

Approved request to pay \$167,457 to the County of Santa Clara, Office of the District Attorney, Crime Laboratory for the annual shared cost of submitting physical evidence to the County Major Case Unit for analysis by the Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Continue the Public Hearing for the Use Permit Application for the Pierce Automotive Group Application

Tom Williams explained the reason for the applicant's request for continuing the public hearing to a later date, to work out some issues related to hydrology and plans. Staff would renote the public hearing for a new date.

Mayor Esteves opened the public hearing for testimony; none heard.

MOTION: to continue the Public Hearing, to April 18, 2006

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Polanski

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

2. Authorize an Entertainment Permit For a Carnival at the Great Mall, By Butler Amusements Inc., scheduled March 3-12, 2006

City Clerk Mary Lavelle presented the application from Butler Amusements Inc. The company had requested approval of an Entertainment Event Permit in order to hold a Carnival at the Great Mall in March. Vice President of Butler Amusements Inc. Rich Byrum was present to provide further information.

Mr. Byrum addressed the City Council, with a history of his company including carnival events Butler operated at the Santa Clara County Fair and at other malls.

Councilmember Giordano inquired why the applicant had requested the waiver for the number of days of operation and whether it was common to grant more than the municipal code allowed (seven). Staff replied that it was not common to receive a request for a ten-day carnival. Ms. Giordano suggested that perhaps that section of the code may need revision in the future.

Councilmember Livengood inquired about security measures planned. The City Clerk said the Police Department approved the plan for one to four security guards on site. Mr. Livengood stressed that the maximum number was necessary on Friday and Saturday nights, and Mr. Byrum agreed that was the company's plan. He also mentioned way-finding as important for Mall customers, when some parking spaces would be covered by the carnival activities.

Mayor Esteves asked Mr. Byrum about his company's disaster preparedness plans. He responded with information about radios available, and its connection with Police and Fire department as well as the Great Mall staff.

Councilmember Polanski pointed out a need for correction in the hours noted for operation, on the Planning Department's list of ten conditions (it was missing Saturday 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM).

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked for public comments; none heard.

MOTION: to close the Public Hearing and to approve the Entertainment Event Permit for Butler Amusements Inc. for the 10-day period noted on the application.

Motion/second: Vice Mayor Gomez/Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

8. Approve the Date, Event Proposal, and Proposed Budget for Renaming the Milpitas Senior Center for Barbara Lee with a Renaming

This item was discussed after the Public Hearings.

Recreation Services Director Bonnie Greiner explained the request for funds for the renaming ceremony, based on a recommendation from the Facilities Naming Subcommittee.

**Dedication and Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony on
Tuesday, April 25, 2006**

At this time, staff Mark Rogge read aloud his letter to the editor of the Milpitas Post, explaining carefully the proposed change at the Senior Center, as recommended by the Facilities Naming Subcommittee. The recommended change was to add "Barbara Lee" to the name of the Senior Center, and to maintain the name Sal Cracolice Building on the structure always.

Mayor Esteves asked staff for the former name of the center, at its old location, before it moved to the Cracolice Building? The reply was "Milpitas Senior Center."

Councilmember Polanski spoke to the proposed signs displayed on the video screens. She asked how the building was noted presently, and Mr. Rogge said he thought a plaque was on the wall of the building.

Councilmember Livengood gave a report from the Facilities Naming Subcommittee. He mentioned new signs would be needed at the new senior center later, and that the Cracolice Building stays with that name.

Mayor Esteves stated that having two names was confusing and not simplified, and it was not direct when trying to find the Senior Center. He was a personal witness to the development of the newest Senior Center since 1998, and he wanted to give credit to people who worked on bringing it: the Senior Center Subcommittee and the Senior Advisory Commission at that time and he felt would be more appropriate to name the Center after that group.

MOTION: Approve the budget recommended by the Facilities Naming Subcommittee including funds from the Council Community Promotions budget, not to exceed \$3,550, and approve the renaming and the ceremony honoring Barbara Lee.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Livengood/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4
NOES: 1 (Esteves)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**3. Receive Progress Report on
Unpaid Developer Fees**

City Engineer Greg Armendariz reported on the remaining unpaid Sewer Treatment Plant Fees due the City.

In a brief report, the City Engineer displayed a chart with fees due, and presented the "paid to date" sewer Treatment Plant Fees, totaling \$695,350 from four specific projects (RGC, Bridge Housing, Mirabella Estates, and Montague Parkway Assoc. Crossings).

He then reviewed remaining uncollected fees(\$73,320) from four developers. DR Horton agreed to pay \$46,920, and that left a small amount to collect from the total identified previously.

At this time, Mr. Livengood had stepped out of the Council Chambers for a few minutes.

MOTION: Receive the report of the Public Works Director on the fees

Motion/second: Councilmember Giordano/Vice Mayor Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Livengood)

**RA1.
CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Agency Chairman Esteves called to order the regular meeting of the Milpitas Redevelopment Agency, meeting jointly with the City Council, at 8:20 PM.

**RA2.
ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor/Chair Esteves, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Gomez and Agency/
Councilmembers Giordano and Polanski

ABSENT: Councilmember Livengood was absent from the Chambers

**RA3.
MINUTES**

Motion: to approve the Redevelopment Agency minutes of February 7, 2006, including
joint meeting with the City Council, as submitted.

Motion/ Second: Agency/Councilmember Polanski / Agency/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Livengood)

**RA4. Approval of Agenda and
Consent Calendar**

Motion: to approve the agenda and consent calendar for the Agency

Motion/ Second: Agency/Councilmember Giordano/ Agency/Councilmember Polanski

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Livengood)

*** RA5. Approve Recommen-
dation for Senior Center
Project and Authorize City
Manager to Execute An
Agreement for Consultant
Services with GSS Consulting**

Approved the Senior Center Facilities Subcommittee's recommendation for the Senior
Center Project and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with GSS
Consulting, for Projects No. 8176 and 6079, in the amount of \$350,000 subject to
approval as to form by the City Attorney.

*** RA6. Approve Plans and
Specifications and Authorize
the Advertisement for Two Bid
Proposals**

Approved plans and specifications and authorize advertising for bid proposals, for the
Pump Station Improvements, Project No. 8106 and for the Oak Creek Pump Station
Improvements Project No. 8140

RA 7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair/Mayor Esteves adjourned the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 8:21 PM.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

CITY COUNCIL

**5. Discussion and Action
Related to Placing on the June
2006 Ballot an Advisory
Measure Regarding Change
From a General Law to a
Charter City**

Mr. Livengood returned to the Council Chambers at this time.

Vice Mayor Gomez and Councilmember Livengood proposed in a memo to the City
Council to offer a ballot measure to the voters on June 6, 2006 as an advisory vote only.
Mr. Livengood stated he and the Vice Mayor were requesting the possibility of a ballot
measure to get the voters' opinion on Charter City status possibility. Although this
subject was studied in the past, as acknowledged, he wanted to find out how voters in
Milpitas thought about this subject in 2006. It was not a request to adopt a charter for the
city at this time.

He would like to know the cost before next meeting. The City Clerk noted general
estimates that the County had provided, in the range of \$50,000 to \$80,000 for a ballot
measure in June.

Councilmember Giordano questioned the authors about the need for a 51% majority vote
on this matter, or would there be some other percent? Mr. Livengood responded it would
be as most elections, with a majority vote.

Councilmember Polanski asked the City Clerk about the costs of a measure in November versus June, and what was the deadline for the measure for June election. City Clerk replied that costs in November would be slightly less than in June because Milpitas already has a scheduled election in November for City Council. Friday, March 10 was the deadline for submitting a measure to the County for the June 6 ballot.

Councilmember Livengood stated the purpose of the study on this issue four years ago was to ask 17 people, a good thing, and now he wanted to ask all the voters further what they think today. The proposal was a logical extension of that effort. He did not agree with all that the Task Force had reported several years ago, but appreciated the good work that went into it. Additionally, he mentioned the hillside ordinance measure on the November 2004 ballot, when voters took the power to be responsible. There were good reasons to have a charter city and he sought input from the citizens here in the city. He said Milpitas was the largest city in Santa Clara County that was not a charter city.

Vice Mayor Gomez wanted to piggyback on that and he supported the idea to hear from the voters. In the memo to the Council, it was noted what he and Mr. Livengood think about this topic.

Councilmember Polanski commented on the City of San Jose, which is a charter city with many Vice Mayors and she would not like to see that with little "fiefdoms." She stated San Jose's smallest district is larger than the entire City of Milpitas. She did recall Mr. Livengood talking to her about this topic in 1999. She would like the citizens to draft the charter if this issue goes forward. She read the memo from her colleagues, and mentioned the idea of six Councilmembers and wondered about term limits.

City Attorney Mattas explained that a charter could establish the term limits for City Councilmembers. Charters give greater authority over local elections than state law does. He would need to confirm his response, regarding whether current term limits in Milpitas would be maintained in a charter.

Councilmember Polanski believed some of the reasons identified in the memo were things that the City Council could already do, in its present form. For example, the budget message, preparation for Commissions, rainy day reserve set aside, CIP approval over \$15 million, and more. She mentioned that in Fremont, a charter proposal failed.

Councilmember Polanski was not in favor of this issue going to ballot in June, for the cost and the timing. She reviewed some differences between a charter city versus a general city law that she had researched, relative to salary ceilings for Councilmembers, benefits issued, and personnel standards. She wanted to know the true cost and felt this item should go through the budget hearing.

Councilmember Giordano announced she would vote in support of the advisory vote measure. It was not uncommon and not new. She identified the six Santa Clara County cities that have a charter. She said the Finance Subcommittee cared about fiscal accountability and wanted to look at some of the fiscal issues.

Councilmember Giordano asked the City Clerk about the language that will go onto the ballot. Ms. Lavelle replied that a 75-word ballot question would need to be adopted by Resolution, and delivered to the County. The City Attorney confirmed this also.

Councilmember Livengood said a charter could be about just about anything the citizens want it to be about. He reminded Councilmember Polanski about a previous measure (hillside ordinance) that was added onto the election, while there was no budget for it at that time. Also, he said it was interesting that most charters brought to the voters were adopted unlike Fremont, and he highlighted the City of Gilroy, which is a charter city.

Mayor Esteves stated this issue was still fresh in his mind, as it was considered by a Task Force four years ago. He was more inclined to the approach that was tried before and

have a lengthy committee review. A discussion of the details was needed. Charter was not just a one word topic, but there were many issues included in that. He believed going to a charter city would increase costs. It was a matter of understanding as a whole. He was not comfortable at this time supporting the proposal by Councilmember Livengood and Vice Mayor Gomez.

Public Comment:

Isaac Hughes, stated that this was not about putting more power in the citizens' hands. He had spoken to Mr. Livengood and recollected that with a charter city, prosecution of misdemeanors or other issues from Police reports would go directly to the City Attorney, bypassing the District Attorney. He believed that a charter city allowed the City Attorney more power to press charges in court, and to make more money for his law firm.

MOTION: to approve the recommendation by Vice Mayor Gomez and Councilmember Livengood requesting an advisory vote of Milpitas voters on the topic of Charter City and add that the authors bring forward the language that will go onto the ballot for the June 6, 2006 election by the appropriate deadline

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Livengood

At this point, Mr. Livengood announced that on Tuesday, March 7th, (date of the next regular City Council meeting) he would be out of town in Washington, D.C. Vice Mayor Gomez asked if a special meeting on March 6 would be possible to consider and to vote on the ballot language. Councilmember Giordano stated it was okay to amend her motion to call for a special Council meeting at 6:00 PM on March 6 for determination of the ballot measure question.

Motion/ Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 3
NOES: 2 (Esteves, Polanski)

NEW BUSINESS

Items were adopted on the Consent Calendar.

ORDINANCES

**11. Waive First Reading
Beyond the Title and
Introduce Traffic Ordinance
43.203, an Amendment to the
Traffic Code, to Change Speed
Limits on Various Streets**

Traffic Engineer Jaime Rodriguez discussed the traffic study and explained why the following changes in speed limits on City streets were recommended in the proposed Ordinance No. 43.203.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Speed Zone Segment</u>	<u>Existing Speed Limit</u>	<u>Proposed Speed Limit</u>
N. Abel St	Great Mall Pkwy. to 600-FT South of Sylvia Ave.	40 MPH	35 MPH
Escuela Pkwy.	Jacklin Rd. to 200-FT South of Russell Ln	35 MPH	30 MPH
Sycamore Dr.	Entire Section	40 MPH	35 MPH
Cottonwood Dr.	Entire Section	40 MPH	35 MPH

The following roadway segments were also studied but were not previously included in the Municipal Code for adoption by the City Council.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Speed Zone Segment</u>	<u>Existing Speed Limit</u>	<u>Proposed Speed Limit</u>
Heath St.	Entire Section	25 MPH	25 MPH
Weller Ln.	Entire Section	25 MPH	25 MPH

Staff recommended that the City Council take the following actions.

(1) MOTION: Waive first reading beyond the title of Ordinance No. 43.203

Mr. Rodriguez read the title “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Milpitas Amending Chapter 100, Title V of the Milpitas Municipal Code Related to Traffic”

Motion/Second: Councilmember Livengood /Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

(2) MOTION Introduce Traffic Ordinance No. 43.203

Motion/Second: Councilmember Livengood/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

**12. Waive First Reading
Beyond the Title and
Introduce Ordinance No. 273
on adding an Alternate
Member to the Planning
Commission**

City Attorney Steve Mattas reviewed the desire previously stated by members of the Council for this introduced ordinance. He explained need to edit some language in the proposed ordinance, effecting the alternate position on the Planning Commission.

An alternate member would only participate when a Planning Commissioner was absent or needed to step down due to a stated conflict of interest.

Councilmember Polanski requested clarity as to the change that the City Attorney noted. Mr. Mattas responded by reading aloud the actual text of the proposed ordinance, stating the membership of the Commission would be 7 members and one alternate member.

Councilmember Polanski announced that all Councilmembers had received the memo from the City Attorney on this subject about alternates, and wanted that memo waived from confidentiality so others could read it.

(1) MOTION: move to make the City Attorney’s memo no longer privileged and confidential

Motion/Second: Councilmember Polanski/Mayor Esteves

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

Mayor Esteves read aloud text from past Council meeting minutes when alternates were first considered for Commissions. He was concerned about laws and legal advice on whether it was ok to have Planning Commission alternates. He believed there was inconsistency in legal advice.

Councilmember Giordano expressed that the idea was not only to use the alternates, not just a purpose for maintaining a quorum, but alternate members may participate on the Planning Commission no matter what (not just for a quorum). She believed this proposal was natural extension of what the City does with other Commissions.

Councilmember Livengood agreed that the issue was brought up in the past, which was one that was bringing forward Commissioners being ready to vote on important. He felt this issue was resolved by the Attorney’s advice, to do it right. Also he had received from some positive comments from the public, to permit having more input on the Planning Commission (or on other Commissions).

Public Comments:

Cliff Williams, Milpitas Planning Commission Chair, mentioned that career business travel could be a restriction on some Commissioners at times. Combined with possible conflicts of interest that do arise (causing Commissioners to step aside on some votes), he felt the proposal was like an insurance policy and allowed for the means of going forward; he knew that corporations were paying lots of money to do business here, and the City could be friendly to businesses that apply for projects by acting timely. The ordinance was a good way to ensure a supportive and helpful Commission for the public and for the Council. He requested support from the City Council when voting on the Ordinance.

(2) MOTION: Waive first reading beyond the title of Ordinance No. 273

Mr. Mattas read the title “An Ordinance Adding Section 1.15 To and Amending Sections 1.01 and 1.03 of Chapter 500 of Title I of the Milpitas Municipal Code Related to the Appointment, Power and Duties of an Alternate Member of the Planning Commission”

He read the correct language, deleting the first sentence in the first paragraph of the ordinance text.

Motion/Second: Vice Mayor Gomez/Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

(3) MOTION Introduce Ordinance No. 273, adding an alternate member to the City of Milpitas Planning Commission

Motion/Second: Vice Mayor Gomez/Councilmember Livengood

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4
NOES: 1 (Esteves)

RESOLUTION

Item was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Items were adopted on the Consent Calendar.

CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Item was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Esteves adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council as submitted on March 7, 2006.

Mary Lavelle
City Clerk